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EXDIS - MILITARY ADDRESSEES HANDLE AS SPECAT

DEPT PASS USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER AND USNMR SHAPE FOR INFO

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: MOPS, AO, CG, BE
SUBJECT: KOLWEZI RESCUE OPERATION: BELGIAN PLANNING

REF: A) STATE 126049, B) BRUSSELS 9516

1. IN REPLY TO OUR QUERY, MOD DEPUTY CHEF DE
CABINET, COLONEL DUPONT, INFORMED US 1530L MAY 18
THAT FOLLOWING END OF CABINET MEETING 1210L FLIGHT
TOOK OFF 1300L ENROUTE ZAIRE. EXECUTION OF RESCUE
OPERATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS FAR AS STAGING
AREA AT KAMINA. DUPONT SAID CABINET WILL CONSIDER
APPROVAL OF FINAL PHASE OF OPERATION AT MEETING MAY 19.

2. ON CHECKING SUBSEQUENTLY WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY
(DEPUTY CHEF DE CABINET ONKELINX), WE WERE TOLD THAT
FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET HAD NOT RETURNED FROM
CABINET MEETING (HE IS NOW AT PARLIAMENT). ONKELINX
CONFIRMED, HOWEVER, THAT FIRST FLIGHT HAS LEFT AND
SAID THAT HE ASSUMED THAT CABINET WOULD REVIEW

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SITUATION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING TOMORROW.
CHAMBERS

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED TO USCINCEUR AND USNMR SHAPE.

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